ABSTRACT

A generally oval battery including a battery case (2) having a generally oval cross section, a generally oval sealing plate (3), and an electrode plate assembly, the sealing plate (3) having a U-shaped cross section and the battery having a thickness of 4mm or more and an aspect ratio of 3 or more, whereby the control of a vent for discharging gas that is generated in the battery is made easy and a battery is provided which has a discharge mechanism capable of discharging gas easily and safely, without requiring expensive equipment or many processing steps.